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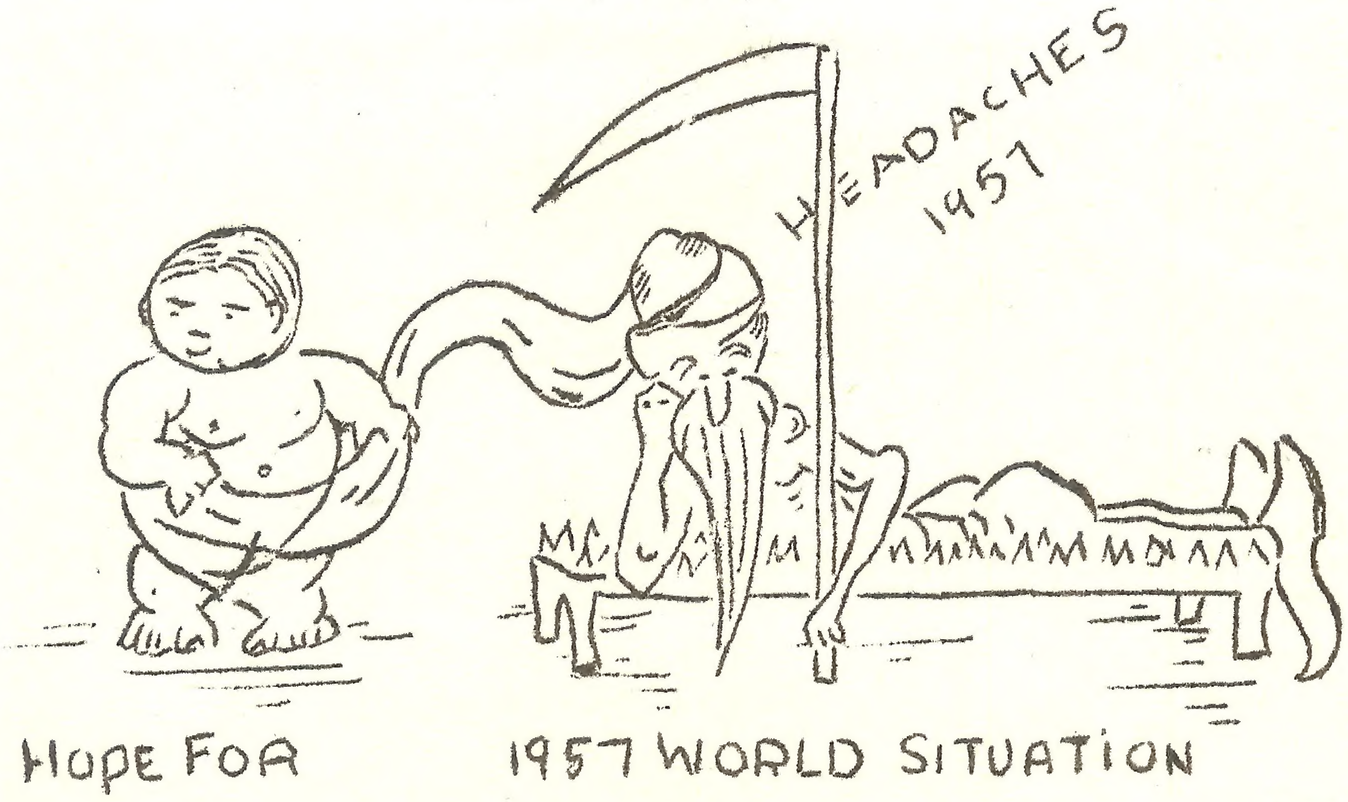
STAFF NEWS
January 10, 1958



LOS DISTINGUIDOS
by Dan Martel

He is a wonderfully fresh and profound master of the science and "know-how" of botany; this is a very appropos and admiring sentence from an introduction to the public by his publishers. Y ou all know him, and you can find him at anytime doing one of two things, peering intently at flowers on the Arboretum grounds or, pouring over tomes on Taxonomy. He is responsible for the correct identification of our plants. Possessing a phenomenal memory, he can correctly identify hundreds of plants by a quick glance, ("Experience is not measured by time served but, by the use a man makes of his opportunities", William James). We are, indeed, fortunate in having a scientist of such botanical stature as, Dr. LEONID ENARI.

The epistemology of how a man can receive four advanced degrees in biologic science would be of great interest for, Fritjof Nansen, says, "It is to no purpose, to discuss the use of knowledge; man wants to know and when he ceases to be curious, he is no longer man." Consider this, Dr. Enari, first received a Master of Arts Degree in Organic Chemistry, then returned to his first love plant life and culminated his studies in his Doctorate in Natural Philosophy.

His professional life began at his Alma Mater, Estonia State University, where he became Assistant Professor in Botany and Taxonomy. In 1949, he and his wife came to this country and obtained a position at Lewis and Clark College. Prior to coming to the Arboretum he was an associate Professor at the University of Portland. During this period he received his greatest diploma, he became an American citizen.

In the great tradition of Europe, Dr. Enari is an inveterate walker. Where you or I might take the car to the corner drug store, he thinks nothing of daily walking the entire Arboretum 127 acres for a few floral specimens.

He is an author of textbooks, books, and contributor to many scientific and technical journals. He has worked out a unique method of plant identification that may be used by anyone interested in naming species but who lack technical training necessary for more complicated floras, where keys are based on characteristics not readily noticed by beginners. The outstanding quality of his keys are, of course, their simplicity and yet, they are technically accurate. But, here is an even more enlightened feature, recognizing the publics desire for "Common-names", he gives preference to their use. That is to say, that the lay public would rather know that, for example, Metasequoia glyptostroboides is generally known as the Dawn Redwood, instead of struggling with the aforementioned jawbreaker. When a person goes to a doctor for diagnosis of an ailment, he is not interested in being told that he has, a biochemical degeneration of the Islands of Langerhans -- Diabetes is good enough for him. So it is with Botany, a "Ornamental Plants of Southern California", that will help identify plants in this area.

He is a gentleman, in the finest sense of the word, and is glad to generously impart of his knowledge. His classes, here at the Arboretum, are well attended by persons from all walks of life, some of who are at first skeptical that they will get any good out of such a formidable sounding subject as Plant Taxonomy but, who soon become some of his most enthusiastic students, due to Dr. Enari's talents and ability to motivate them to know and love plant life.

HEADHOUSE NEWS

Our fine Orchidist, GLENN HIATT, has another talent that is being recognized, Artistic ability. The L.A. Chamber of Commerce has requested and obtained Glenn's services as a representative of the Arboretum, to design and maintain an Orchid and Tropical plant display at their headquarters. You can, right here at the Arboretum, see his window display in the foyer, which he maintains in an ever interesting and colorful manner.

In spite of this delightful, Chamber of Commerce weather we have been having, Rainwise, this is proving an outstanding year. Up to this present writing we have been graced by Sol Pluvius with 7.26 inches of rain whereas, last year, by December 31, we had only .96 inches of rain. The rainstorms have been of good intensity and well spaced. If we should get another storm by next week this fine pattern will continue. The days generally have been sunny and the nights averaging in the middle forties.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING NEWS

Marge Wood is back plugging away after a regrettable illness of several days: we missed you Marge - both your cheery smile and master touch at the switchboard.

NOTE

Request has been made for old Christmas Cards to be sent to:

Father P. Cairon: S. J.
Cherukunnu Post Office
Kerala State, India

EDUCATIONAL COURSES

Free Educational Courses offered at the Arboretum during the early months of 1958 should interest many staff members particularly the Gardeners; it would behoove you to consider enrolling in such a course.

Gerry Patten will repeat his popular Botanical Sketching classes. Beginning Botanical Sketching will commence Tuesday, February 4 and end Tuesday, March 25.

Advanced Botanical Sketching begins Thursday, February 6, and ends Tuesday, March 27. Both classes will meet at 9:00 a.m. for a two hour session outdoors.

Dr. Enari, will instruct gardeners in the techniques of identifying plant materials. The Course is entitled Beginning Plant Identification and will run from February 4, until April 1. Hours will be 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. - Place: our lecture room.

Another valuable night course Practical Orchid Culture is offered beginning Thursday, February 6, and ending April 3. Instructor Glenn Hiatt will reveal the practical techniques of growing orchids.

Editor: Ed Pugh

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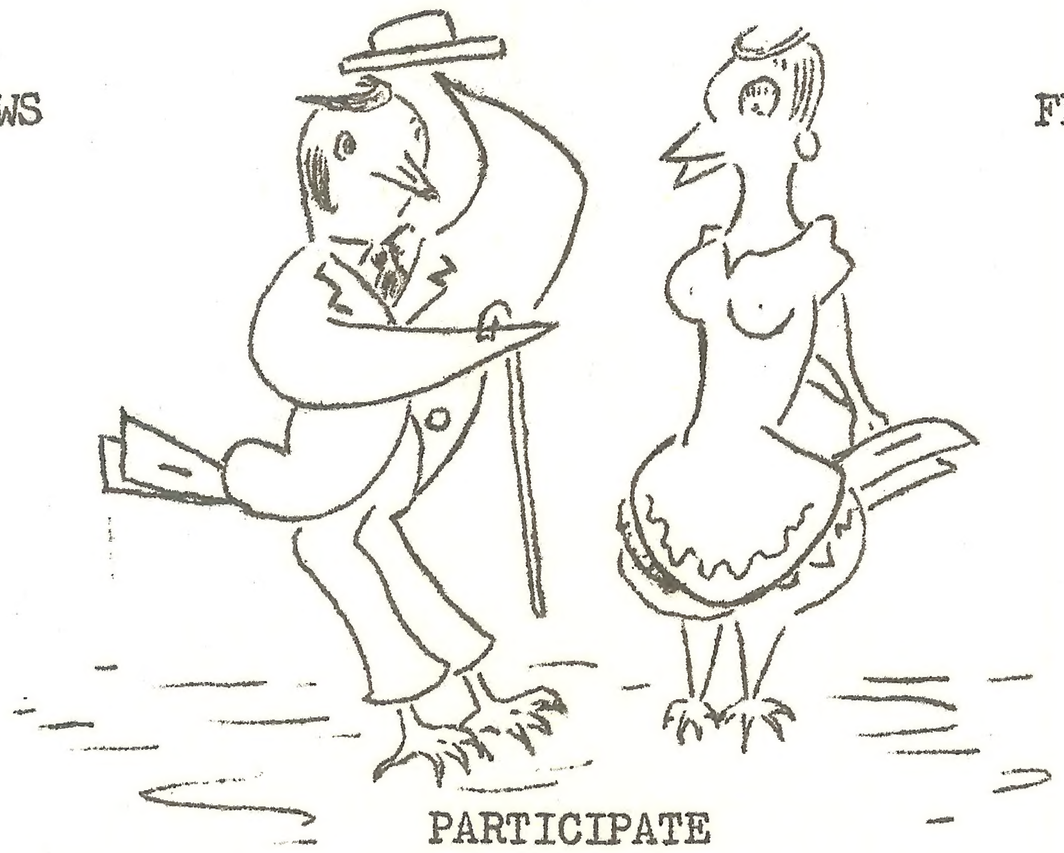

PARTICIPATE

Staff News is your paper - it exists for staff enlightenment and enjoyment. Dan, Marge, yours-truly - all of us who work to make Staff News appealing, welcome, even request, news from each and every member of the Arboretum staff. The contribution of Staff News is what we make it and would be vastly increased with more staff PARTICIPATION.

It has been suggested that a monthly Horticultural Column, written by Arboretum Gardeners, would be a suitable addition to News. Month by month a different gardener would have the opportunity to report on his section in general or on a promising plant in particular. Gardeners, express your feelings with regard to this plan; if you approve give the go-ahead to your reporters.

Ed Pugh

FACT OR FANTASY?

About the last part of January I received a small package from a Mr. Searing in Laguna Beach. This little box contained some very interesting seeds which are almost as controversial as the "Jack in the Beanstalk" beans. These seeds are not supposed to grow tall, but they have been reported to grow about 10 feet tall.

But what is interesting about these seeds is that they are supposed to be direct descendants of a pod of peas taken from King Tut's Tomb by Mr. Howard Carter, a noted archeologist, on the Lord Carnovon's expedition in 1922-23.

*"The taste seemed to be somewhat like a combination of the regular garden pea and a black-eyed pea. The peas, on being taken from the pod, look exactly like any common variety of green pea. When cooked, the outside skin turned slightly lighter, and in many instances the inside showed a slight purplish tint."

*Resume of Information regarding the "King Tut" Peas.

Don Graf

LOS DISTINGUIDOS
by Dan Martel

Almost at any time that you may come to the headhouse you will see him peering intently at a pot of apparently bare soil or at the physical characteristics and beauty of plants. What is he looking for? -- in the first instance, he is looking for that wonder of nature - germination of a seed. He may have received it in a lifeless looking condition; it may be a strange new seed to him, but through that patience, devotion and knowledge that is a prerequisite for his science, he is able to bring forth a new life. "To every human who plants there comes a feeling of awe and humility, for what he does is not just for himself or for today, but for all who pass that way and for generations in the future." What more soul-satisfying life's work can one have than that of Plant Propagator and who could have such a feeling of joy as QUINN BUCK, who can survey these beautiful grounds and say, "I contributed to the beauty of this place!"

Quinn was born in Chillicothe, Texas, and unlike most Texans he is very modest in speaking of his important contributions to the beauty of our Arboretum and ultimately the County. His father was a newspaper editor and it was only natural that Quinn should go into newspaper work. He migrated to Pennsylvania, where he worked with the Philadelphia Inquirer as a proof-reader. His education is extensive and, among others, he has gone to Texas Christian University, Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, and finally ended up at UCLA as a Senior Laboratory Technician. His work there was in Ornamental Horticulture and propagation. It was during this period that our Arboretum was looking for an outstanding man to take over the propagation of our increasing amounts of plant introductions. Through the good offices of Dr. Mildred Mathias, the Arboretum was able to obtain his invaluable services.

He is a recognized authority on Orchids and Amaryllids and Day-lilies. He has registered a Brassocattleya hybrid and named it after his niece, Pollyanne. His most significant contribution to horticulture has been in the polyploidizing of various plants, including Felicias and daylilies. He has grown a large group of tetraploid daylilies; only two other workers have had success with this plant.

He is a member of many learned botanical societies, among which are: The Cymbidium Society, American Orchid Society, Royal Horticultural Society, American Plant Life Society, etc. There can be no question that we are honored to have such a distinguished plantsman on our Arboretum Staff.

WEATHER.

We have indeed had a most beneficial series of rains throughout our rainy season, which commenced last October 1st. To date, we have received a total of 13.78 inches of precipitation whereas, last year at this time we had only received a total of 7.15 inches. In this month of February alone, we have received 4.01 inches and the month is only half gone. We have had all kinds of 'weather' thunder, lightning, hail, downpours, and - although you may not think so, it has been, so far, a mild winter.

Arboretum staff meeting, Wednesday, 3:00 P.M. February 26, 1958. To be held in the Lecture Room of the Administration Building.

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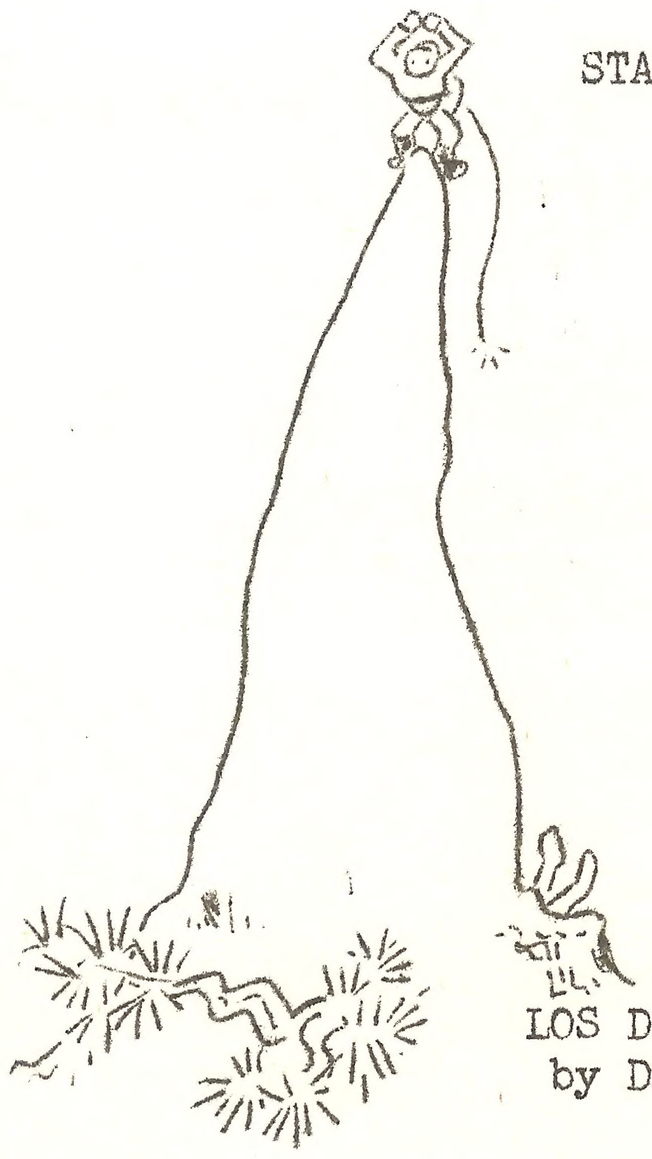
STAFF NEWS

March 7, 1958

In A Garden

The kiss of the sun
for pardon,
The song of the birds
for mirth, -
One is nearer God's heart
in a garden
Than anywhere else
on earth.

Dorothy F. B. Gurney



LOS DISTINGUIDOS
by Dan Martel

A great talent for taking infinite pains and sitting back and waiting for Mother Nature to go her slow but sure course has been discovered here at the Arboretum. His future lies before him, and he knows that patience and observation are the means whereby Nature will reveal her secrets. To this end RONALD CROSS has joined our staff to help in Plant Research. He will continue with the work pioneered here by the able Francis Ching.

Ron (as he likes to be called) comes to us from U.C.L.A., where he graduated with a B.S. degree in Botany, and now he is studying for his Master's. His thorough groundwork commenced at the University of Illinois, where he would have graduated except that the Vigilantes in the form of our Chamber of Commerce induced him to learn while enjoying our benign climate.

It is only natural that Ron would turn to botany as a life's career. His father and also his aunt are well-known florists in Chicago, and Ron early was exposed to the beauties of nature. And how can one see nature at her best but on field trips? He has an avid interest in Mountaineering and has hiked throughout the Rocky Mountain region. You might say that he has, in his young life, scaled to great heights -- he has already, in the few years he has been here, climbed all the way to the top of Mt. Baldy - something that, I am sure, some of us would like to do some day.

Like all of our Distinguidos he has a great interest in and has done a lot of traveling. He has traveled over most of our United States and also Europe. His European travels were through the courtesy of Uncle Sam; he was stationed in Stuttgart, Germany, as a Personnel Specialist. It was only during business hours that he stayed in town, as the rest of the time he was away on exploration trips, and in this manner he got to see most of Europe. Ron states that, of all the countries that he traveled in, he likes Denmark best because the Danes are a most friendly and progressive people.

Besides Mountaineering, Ron enjoys and is an expert in Photography and Photo Lab. He has been interested in color photography since it was first developed and counts his color slides in the thousands. He has won many ribbons at Photo Fairs, which demonstrate the quality of his work in this medium. Being from Chicago, Ron has been to Morton Arboretum many, many times and has beautiful photos of the grounds. Dr. Stewart might keep this in mind when he is looking for talent to

present at future staff meetings.

LECTURES

On Friday, Feb. 28, the Headhouse became a madhouse with the invasion of 100 children out to learn about our contributions to plant culture. The truth of the matter is that they were all very well behaved and had been well briefed on what they were about to hear. The group was divided into four sections, and each in rotation received a lecture from QUINN BUCK, who spoke on plant propagation; JIM CAUFFIELD, Nursery operation; DAN CASSIDY on gardening, and myself, who spoke on Weather. It was apparent that at such an early age many of the children already had a good basic knowledge of plant life and the value of our Educational program was demonstrated. Most hearty congratulations to Mrs. Woods, who is making such as outstanding success of our Educational program, one that, I am sure, will be recognized by parents and the schools.

AIRPLANE TRIP

JIM CAUFFIELD and DENIS KUCERA are taking off this weekend on a trip which, I am sure, all of us would like to make. They are flying to Death Valley with a friend in his private plane. FRANCIS CHING is also going, but he will go in his auto since the plane seats only three. Possibly Dr. ENARI is also going.

WEATHER

We have had an outstanding rain month. It has rained 9.12 inches, and coupled with the previous 9.77 inches our total now stands at a whopping 18.89 inches so far this rain year. A clear weekend is indicated; so let's all get out and hit the open road.

MEMO TO STAFF

The Arboretum Annual Report is now available to all employees through the Administration office on request.

SOMETHING TO LIVE BY

"Today is my day of opportunity - I have so many blessings - my home, my family, my job, my health. I will do my best all day and God will help me. I am glad to be alive."

IT'S A BOY

When Papa Stork delivered Christopher Dana to the Kaiser Foundation Hospital, Joy was present. Christopher Dana Marshman weighed 6#, 13 oz. when he arrived at 11:15 A.M. on February 17th. Christopher Dana is the son of Joy and Jerry Marshman. Jerry is an Arboretum Guard, Night Owl, and automobile salesman. He is presently selling in Pomona at Engel Motors, Holt Ave. location.

Ed Pugh, Editor Reporters: Dan Martel, Marge Wood

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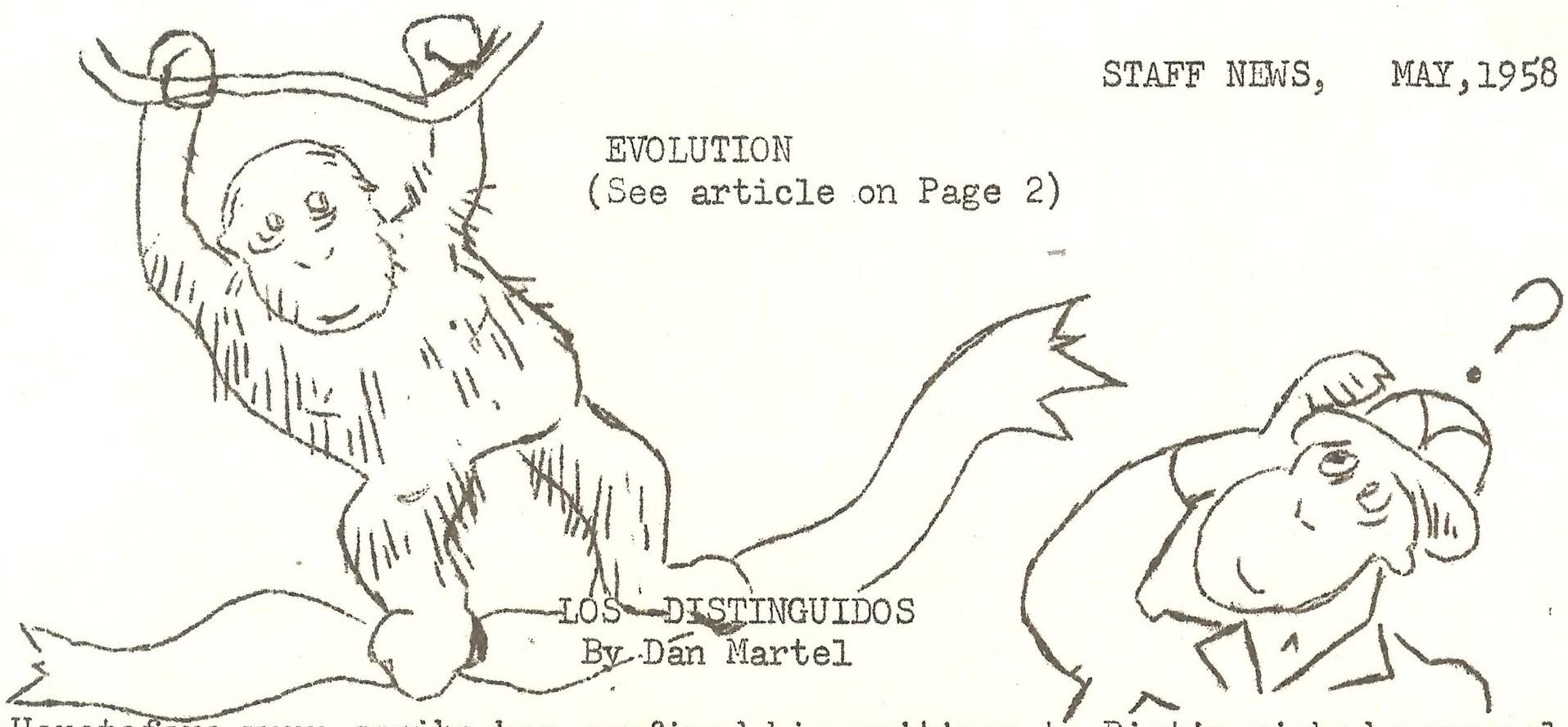

EVOLUTION
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LOS DISTINGUIDOS
By Dan Martel

Heretofore your scribe has confined his writings to Distinguished personalities of the Headhouse but, always with the knowledge that the Arboretum has many personnel of attainment on the Staff. Therefore, at the invitation of the Editor and encouragement of others, I will be delighted to include the whole staff in these columns. This means that at some future date I will write about YOU!

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The outgoing and incoming committees met recently. After discussing problems that had been surmounted and ideas that might be feasible to be carried out this present year, the main item of business was getting the new officers elected Throughout the discussions there was one person who sat back quietly and with dignity would command attention whenever he spoke. When it came time to select the Chairman of the Employees Committee everyone, with no prior agreement automatically turned to and selected today's Distinguished One -- TOM PARKER!

You all know him, who is respected by all his co-workers for his ability as a gardner and manner of quietly getting things done. Since taking over the Herb garden section he has acquired knowledge of this fascinating subject. He has the complete confidence of the Herb Society of America, Southern California branch. Being an enthusiastic group, Tom enjoys working with them.

Besides being an outstanding gardner, Tom is a state licensed Landscape Contractor and as such works with Landscape Architects and has contacts with the National Landscape Architects Institute. Not content with the knowledge he has ("I respect faith, but doubt is what gets you an education." Wilson Mizner.) Tom continually takes courses at Pasadena City College. In speaking with him phrases and words indicative of an active mind are continually being used.

He makes the most of his limited time by landscaping his own home and his wife and three children help him because of their love for plant life. On vacations its off to the woods camping, fishing and time permitting, some golf.

Tom has his mind tuned completely in the future. He is most enthusiastic of the role the Arboretum will play in the beautification of Southern California and ultimately of other regions through the introduction of plants that are compatible with our climate.

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To my fellow committee members for 1957, Lou Martin, Dan Cassidy, and Denis Kucera, most grateful appreciation for being a most cooperative and competent co-workers.

Let us give the new committee, Tom Parker, Gertrude Woods, Francis Ching, Fernando Ramirez and Carol Hewitson our cooperation and they will give of their best to represent us in fun making.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING NEWS

Greetings - Salutations and a real hearty "Welcome Home" to Dr. Stewart Mrs. Stewart and Mary Lee.

Dr.Stewart returned May 1st from a five week trip to Europe. He attended the XV International Horticultural Congress in Nice France, returning by way of Brussels and of course stopped in at the Worlds Fair. He has a treat in store for us, at our next staff meeting in June, at which time he will take us on his trip by way of colored slides. This meeting promises to be a real thrill.

The old adage, "Someone's Loss may be Another's Gain" - this has taken place this past week here, as we lost Mr. Lee Walton to the City of Rolling Hills, where he has accepted the position of City Manager. Best wishes Lee on your new adventure.

EVOLUTION
The Monkey's Viewpoint
(Probably a Proboscis Monkey)

Three Monkeys sat in a coconut tree
Discussing things as they're said to be.

Said one to the others, "Now, listen, you two,
There's a certain rumor that can't be true, -

That man decended from our Noble Race!
The very idea! It's a dire disgrace!

No monkey ever deserted his wife
Starved her baby and ruined her life

And you've never known a mother monk
To leave her baby with others to bunk
Or pass them around from one to another
'Til they hardly know who is their mother!

And another thing! you will never see
A monk build a fence around a coconut tree
And let the coconuts go to waste
Forbidding all other monks a taste!
Why! If I put a fence around this tree,
Starvation would force you to steal from me!

Here's another thing a monk won't do
Go out at night and get on a stew or
use a gun, or club, or knife
To take some other monkey's life!

Yes! Man descended, - the ornery cuss
<u>But Brother</u>! He didn't cescend from us!

ED PUGH, Editor

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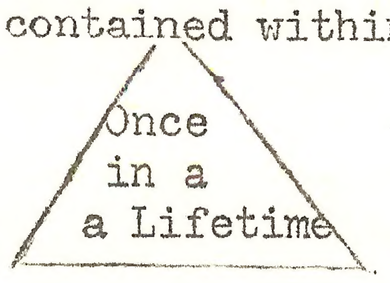

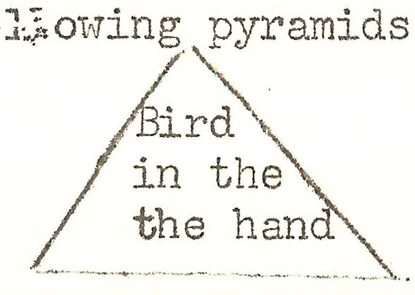

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STAFF NEWS

June 10, 1958

STAFF MEETING - JUNE 25th
TIME: 3:00 P.M.
PLACE: LECTURE ROOM

Dr. Stewart will tell us of his recent European trip.

LOS DISTINGUIDOS
by Dan Martel

There is a famous old nursery in France called Vilmorin et Companie that conducts a drastic as well as very effective program to insure that their plants have aerated soil. They have a man who does nothing else but dig up the soil to the depth of three feet; he digs from one end of the bed to be prepared for planting to the other. In this manner the entire nursery, with the exception of th the permanent plantings gets spaded over. Just imagine our gardeners preparing a bed for planting by digging the entire area to insure proper aeration. This is not a figment of my imagination, this bit of information is contained in the fascinating book, "The World Was My Garden", by Dr. David Fairchild.

We have a man, here in the Arboretum, who in a given space of time grew to great heights of eminence in this lowly field. He is without a doubt our foremost authority on European Soils. How did his eminence acquire such familiarity with Mother Europe? Let us use his own words, "I became an expert on European soils by the necessity of having to dig a deep foxhole, at least four times a day, and dug my way from the coast of France and made a looping curve southeast and finally came out in Austria." This was with the most honored of all military duties, that of foot-soldier. Our Distinguished One for today, a man who has publically received accolades from his superiors via one of the Arboretum Yearly Reports, "A vigorous beginning has been made in bringing this section up to such color. Both watering problems and soil stubbornness have plagued this area from the beginning. The young Arboretum gardener in charge of this section has done very commendable work in the initial stages of developing South Africa;" is the very efficient...DAN CASSIDY!

He is one of those rare persons, outside of the introvert research scientist, who is completely dedicated to his task. When he came to us from the County Forester & Warden at Henniger Flats, Mt. Wilson area, where he worked with the propagation of Connifers, Dan was pointed out a bare piece of rock hard adobe soil and was told, "This is South Africa"! Dan began to wish that he had an artillery barrage to soften up the ground.

Now, a few years later, he has turned this piece of cement Real Estate into one of the most frequented and admired sections of the Arboretum. Dan does not just have an empiric knowledge of South African plants but has read extensively and studied up on them so that he can give you complete information culture. Just by looking at his creation, Dan shows you that, "It isn't what you know that counts but what you can do with what you know."

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You have all heard of the peacock who thinks he is a duck? Well, I recently heard from an unusually reliable source, that there is a duck who thinks he is

a dog. Dr. Enari told me that one day when he took one of his classes out on a field trip on the grounds, a duck waddled after them. No matter where they went, the duck followed them; even when they came back to the Lecture Hall, the duck insisted on coming in and had to be gently but firmly given the bum's rush. Could be that instead of a thirst for knowledge, he knew of some particularly juicy taxonomic specimens.

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ADMINISTRATION BUILDING NEWS

Time and Tide stop for no Man or Woman either! Or so it says in fine print. As it is being proved correct here at the Arboretum, the staff personnel is changing and seem to be growing by leaps and bounds.

This is to welcome the two new staff members, who have joined our family circle. Namely, Mr. Dick Strong, who is taking the Administrative Assistant position, and Dr. Ralph Ames, our new Plant Pathologist.

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SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

The organizational minutes of our new Social Committee have been included today in order to acquaint staff with members elected and decisions made.

1st meeting was called to order at 1:15 by the Chairman, Dan Martel. By consent Tom Parker was made Chairman (Field), Gertrude Woods was appointed Treasurer (Education), Carol Hewitson was appointed Recording Sec'y (Adm.), and in charge of birthday cards. Other members are Francis Ching (Hort.), and Fernando Ramirez (Field). The Chairman desired a meeting on Thursday, May 8, 1958. Adjourned at 2:15 P.M. 2nd meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Tom Parker at 1:15 P.M. It was moved by Francis Ching and agreed by all the members of the committee that all people connected with the Arboretum be considered in all the social activities, and all other activities which we participate in as a group. After discussion it was agreed that by-laws would be set up, a copy of which is included in each pay envelope.

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To those of you who made such contributions of your talents to make the Home Demonstration Gardens such an outstanding success, you will be interested to know that the June issue of Sunset Magazine contains a complete story and pictures of your achievement.

Ed Pugh, Editor

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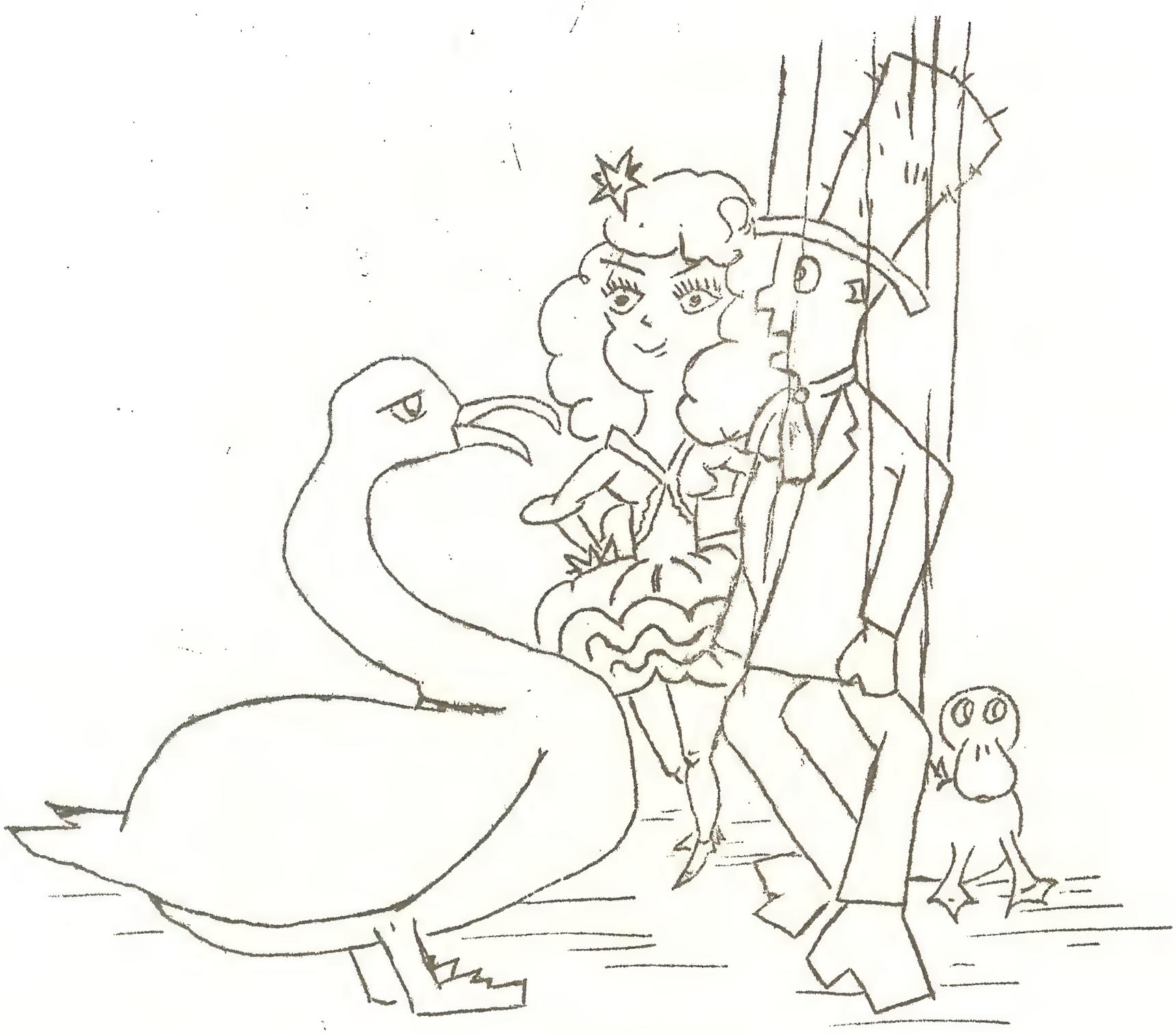

Members of the Staff of the Arboretum

are cordially invited to an Informal Outdoor Program of Children's Art, Music and Drama to be presented at the Arboretum on Tuesday and Wednesday Evenings, July 29th and 30th, by the Summer Workshops of Children's Theatre.

Beginning at 7:30 an exhibit of art work will be on display in the new gardens. From there the audience will go by jeep-train to the Historical Area for entertainment including puppet shows, folk singers, an orchestra and two plays: Oscar Wilde's "The Happy Prince" and A.A. Milne's "The Ugly Duckling".

Last summer's program featured the high school age group and this year it will be the junior high group which will appear along with the younger children. There is no charge for the program altho donations will be welcome. Children's Theatre is sponsored under Children's Activities of the Arboretum Historical Committee and is operated as a cooperative with any child welcome whose parents are willing to help out on the project. Information Chairman is Mrs. Herbert Meier HI. 7-0889.

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ADMINISTRATION BUILDING NEWS
by Marge Wood

CONGRATULATIONS: 4th of July was the day Mr. Stork chose to deliver a little bundle, (no, not TNT) A Son, to Mr. & Mrs. Juan Sanchez.

As always one person's loss is usually another's gain, and so it goes with our Arboretum Foundation, Inc. We are losing Dolores Hubbell to a "Life of Leisure" (or something). Anyway we wish her loads of luck and happiness in her new role as 'just plain mother and housewife' - We'll miss you!

WELCOME to the new Gal Friday, Eva Neal, who will replace Dolores in the Foundation office. It is a pleasure to have you join our Staff.

In our 25th pay-envelope, there will be a map of the route to take to Descanso Gardens, a program of the evening's entertainment, and a copy of the revised BY-LAWS of our Social Organization, which is to be known as "DELASCA". Happy Time!

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DID YOU KNOW?

The Versatile Olive

Mentioned many times in the Bible, the olive tree, evidently, had many uses. According to H.N. & A.L. Moldenke, in their "Plants of the Bible," oil from the fruit of the tree was employed in "sacrificial offerings as fuel for lamps, as a tonic for the hair and skin, and medicinally in surgical operations". It also "formed the base of the perfumed ointments sold in classic Rome and Athens".

Ref: H.N. &A.L. Moldenke, Plants of the Bible, 1952. p. 159

by-Bob Whitsell.

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ATTENTION BUCKAROOS

You can purchase tickets (cost $1.25) from your Arboretum Guards, for the Annual Sheriff's Rodeo, Sunday, August 31st, 2:30 P.M., to be held at the Los Angeles Colosseum. See you there!

8-8-58

STAFF NEWS

AUGUST, 1958

Editor - Ed Pugh

Reporters - Dan Martel
Marge Wood

DEADLINE

"Last call for supper"! Those who have not returned their reservation slips for the Delasca Picnic, must notify Carol Hewitson on or by August 18th. We have to know the number in your family, including children under 15 years of age, (to be noted separately). Also sign your name on the slip so we know who is coming'. The original slip to sign was in your last pay envelope, so be sure to send it in.

WELCOME

A hearty welcome is extended to our 6 new additions to our Arboretum Staff. We now have a total of 115 employees. Growing! Aren't we.

Marge Wood-

LOS DISTINGUIDOS
by Dan Martel

The other day we were treated to a very interesting trip, via Dr. Stewart's color pictures, in which we saw some of the outstanding botanical gardens of Europe. One of these pictures was of a large hall in which was being shown a plant exhibit put on by one of the distant societies associated with the Royal Horticultural Society of England. This Horticultural Hall is located in Islington, one of the boroughs of London, and our Distinguido for today, GEORGE TAYLOR, happens to have been born and raised in the neighborhood. He is one for whom I have a special liking, among our distinguished gardeners, for he is a talented and trained musician. While at school in Islington he majored in music and botany, not a rare combination since this brings together love of beauty by sight and sound. Being a hard worker ("Work is love made visible, and in keeping yourself with labour you are in truth loving life." - Kahlil Gibran, The Prophet)- he did very well in these subjects, and they were subjects that were utilized to the full in his later career.

Just when he was ready to make his way as a serious musician, His Majesty's government decided to use his talents as an infantryman. He went through all the campaign of the British Army along the eastern shore of Italy, while the Americans went up the western side. When the Germans were driven out of Italy he was able to visit in the art centers of Bologna, Florence, and Rome. He stayed in the Army longer than most of us in the service, having spent a total of seven years on active duty. After things quieted down, he was able to resume his musical career and played with some of the outstanding British regimental bands. His talents as an Oboe and English horn player were, and are, in great demand, and he has been able to keep up with his music even after coming to the United States in 1949. He became a citizen in 1954.

George came to California where his father had a farm at Los Gatos and decided that here is where he wanted to stay. When they both finally settled in Los Angeles, George was able to utilize his botany training and obtained a job at the Los Angeles Country Club, where he stayed for five years. Cut flowers became his specialty and when the opportunity came to come to LASCA he took it and thus became our specialist in charge of the Cut Flower & Display Garden.

He took charge when the Display Garden was only a name and just a bare piece of land. He laid out his flower plots according to plan and thus has finally been able to make it a showplace, in season.

George is doing a superb job despite an understandable manpower shortage and slow influx of plant material.

Editor's Note: "Old Gardener's never die, they just spade away"!

Now in conclusion we site,"The Strange Case of the Entomologist's Heart".

Consider the case of Mr. Suggs
He was an eminent entomologist, which is to say he knew nothing but bugs.
He could tell the Coleoptera from the Lepidoptera,
And the Aphidae and the Katydidae from the Grasshoptera.
He didn't know whether to starve a cold or feed a fever, he was so untherapeutical.
But he knew that in 1737 J. Swammerdam's "Biblia Naturae" had upset the theories of Aristotle and Harvey by demonstrating the presence pf pupal structures under the larval cuticle.
His taste bugs were such that he was always asking dining-car stewards for their recipe for French dressing and mayonnaise.
But he was familiar with Strauss-Durckheim's brilliant treatise (1828) on the cockchafer and that earlier (1760) but equally brilliant monograph on the goat-moth caterpillar of P. Lyonnet's.
He was so unliterary that he never understood the difference between Ibid and Anonymous.
But he spoke of 1842 as the year in which von Kolliker first described the formation of the blastoderm in the egg of the midge Chironomous.
Mr. Sugg's specialty was fireflies, which he knew inside and out and from stem to stern,
And he was on the track of why they blaze and don't burn,
And then one day he met a girl as fragrant as jessamine,
And he found her more fascinating than the rarest eleven-legged specimen.
But, being a different swain, he wished to learn the land before burning his bridges,
So he bashfully asked her mother what she thought of his chances, and she encouragingly said, "At sight of you, my daughter lights up like a firefly," and Mr. Suggs stammered, "Good gracious, what a strange place for a girl to light up!" and rapidly returned to his goat-moth caterpillars, blastoderms, and midges.

Apologies to Ogden Nash.

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See you in our Staff News next month.

STAFF NEWS

ADVENTURE

Ye olde Editor, Ed Pugh and kindred souls, Bud Hallberg and Denis Kucera have taken off on what promises to be a most informative and delightful trip. Their ultimate destination is Manzanillo, Mexico via the new (?) West Coast Highway which starts at Nogales. Charlie Potthast (the aficionado of Mexico) and those of us who have traveled this scenic route, wonder if the bridges have been built, as yet, Manana, you know. When I went to Mazatlan, last year, the papers said that the highway was built from beginning to end, yet I had to cross over a few railroad trestles. Since this is the height of the rainy season, down there, this could be a very adventurous trip.

VACATIONS

Besides the aforementioned three Caballeros, the STAFF is depleted by thirteen more vacationers. The Admin. office is running a skeleton staff with Marge, Dick Strong, Joyce, Gerry Patten and Mrs. Woods away to their respective hideouts. The field men are working minus the talents of Sully, Norm Aronson, Jim Cauffield, Jack Fawcett, Jose, Stumbo, Marty and George Taylor. Since they have already gone, maybe we'll hear some tall tales when they come back.

PICNIC

Carol Hewitson reports, and this will be confirmed by those of us who were fortunate to attend, that the DeLasca picnic was a huge success from the standpoint that we were able to meet and form friendships with our co-workers at Descanso Gardens. That the typical picnic menu of hamburgers with all the trimmings was popular can be attested to by the fact that there was more than enough and trips to the chuck wagon for seconds was the order of the day.

WELCOME

A most welcome and needed addition to the staff (Marge will be especially happy) is Mrs. Margaret Van Frank, typist clerk. She comes to us from the Bureau of Public Assistance in El Monte. She has the most unusual hobby of Refinishing wood. I, of course, told her of Don Graf's beautiful table lamp. (No inference, Don, about refinishing it, you understand).

LOS DISTINGUIDOS

by Dan Martel

The atmosphere was charged with suppressed excitement as a group of distinguished-looking men in white smocks observed, with serious mein, the delicate

manipulations of a solitary man bent over an electronic microscope. With bated breath they saw the inscrutable expression on his countenance change from doubt to .... suddenly ... "Eureka, I have found it!" He sprang from his microscope, the admiring group of colleagues around him applauded. "Zounds, this will save our civilization from the curuquitos and," (pulls up his chest) in an emotional voice says, "not a farthing will I take for my discovery."

This method of scientific discovery, unfortunately in the public mind, is not how these discoveries are made. They are as a result of painstaking work by hundreds of trained research scientists. Foremost among these men are those who by special qualities of observation, intuition and, of course, knowledge, can see and state the problem and inspire his colleagues to research along those lines. We have been honored in gaining such a man for LASCA, Dr. RALPH AMES. ("First, as a practical matter, the more you know about something, the better the quality of the decision you make. In this complicated world, you need facts and background and <u>disciplined judgment</u>. This is true in your work, no matter what it is." H. Brown). (Nothing's so hard but search will find it out." R. Herrick).

Born and raised on a combination Farm-ranch in a mountain valley in western Wyoming, Ralph could just as well have been a cowpuncher or a rancher but, instead, a curious mind led him to seek knowledge. So, it was, that Ralph early in life was drawn to nature and then went to the Univ. of Wyoming where he received a B.S. in Botany with minors in chemistry and zoology. Then, the Army called and (in one of the rare instances where they correctly placed a man) he went in as a private assigned to the medical corps as a laboratory technician. Even in a red-tape outfit, his outstanding abilities were recognized and he ended up as a captain, Commanding Officer of his medical Detachment in Florida.

His thirst for knowledge ("only hungry minds become educated" Dr. G. S. Ross) prevailed and he returned to his Alma Mater where he received his M.S. in plant physiology on the effects of natural gases upon plants. His academic efforts culminated in a PhD in plant pathology on virus diseases of Dianthus, at the Univ. of Illinois. Ralph has been occupied with research and teaching at various institutions such as Univ. of Massachusetts, Illinois State Natural History Survey, Utah State University, (here he was the head of the department of Botany and Plant Physiology for three years), and, prior to coming to LASCA, he was doing research at the Univ. of Michigan on the physiology of fungi and auditing related subject matter courses.

With Ralph's arrival, we now have enough photography enthusiasts to form a club. He is a music lover and his record collection is worth over fifteen hundred dollars. It is always interesting to note that although a man may be eminent in a certain field he is invariably interested and very literate in all the arts.

He belongs to at least ten Scientific Societies among which are the American Phytopathological Soc., Mycological Soc. of America, Botanical Soc. of America.

In addition to our other fine instructors for the Fall Semester of LASCA University, Ralph will be teaching a course in The Diseases of Ornamental Plants. Here is your chance, fellows, to find out about some of the choice plants in your sections that appear unhappy.

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BOOKS

Have you a curious mind? Our library is constantly acquiring books on many fascinating subjects connected with nature. ("The shaping of our own life is our own work."-H. Ware). New to our Library: The World Grows Round my Door. -Fairchild. Carnivorous Plants. -Lloyd. Australian Tree Portraits. -Montford. An Easy Guide to House Plants. -Nehrling. Maintenance of Shade and Ornamental Trees. -Pirone. Miniature Trees and Landscapes. -Yoshimura.

A DEAL

Here is a chance to get that picture, now! Carol Hewitson has the latest Polaroid Land camera with accessories for sale. See her for the ridiculously low price of the camera.

LAST WORD

The last word in an argument is what a wife has. Anything a husband says after that is the beginning of another argument.

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REPORTERS: Marge Wood, Dan Martel

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by Dan Martel

The small child had been merrily skipping around the plants, swinging from low branches, jumping from the rocks in general, raising cain, the parents would occasionally glance at their frisky offspring with an indulgent smile, and the mother, now and then saying weakly, "Now, Junior!", would return to observing plants and taking the information from the labels so that they could go home and try to duplicate the floral beauties they were admiring. A uniformed man with a badge came up and courteously informed them that perhaps he could show the child some interesting things about plants. In a friendly voice, he pointed out a bee drinking nectar from a flower and the child's eyes opened wide with wonder... "Many are the youthful eyes that have rested upon their designs, and many the lifelong impressions formed thereby"... Winston Churchill.

AL BARDELLI, our distinguido, started his gardening career with just such a friendly directing hand. At the tender age of nine, he was given the responsibility of taking care of the grounds around the administration building of the home in which he lived. Strange how the choice of one's life work, like one's lifemate, is a matter of destiny; for, AL is doing the same thing, doing a fine job in keeping the Demonstration Home Gardens in meticulously neat order.

Now that he has the authority of a guard, he has recognition from the public and many are the interesting people that he meets in the course of the day. He can tell you the life's history of his plants and inform the public, in an interesting way, about their culture. AL has found that the Demonstration Home Gardens are increasingly becoming famous and has had people come especially to visit the gardens from as far away as San Francisco.

His life revolves around plant life and even his off hours are spent in gardening for some of the estates in Arcadia. Like his colleague at Villmorin Gardens in Versailles, France, he believes in thorough preparation of the soil. It was while AL was working at Sawtell Veteran's Hospital that he won first prize at a flower show for his collection of Asters and he owes it all to preparing the soil.

Besides his love of plants he has a very useful hobby. He regularly practices with a target pistol and is a qualified sharpshooter. This, of course, makes him a valuable addition to the Alhambra Reserve Police, of which he has been a member for five years.

AL'S many years of experience have given him an understanding that "each advance of knowledge through observation of how things about you perform makes the world you live in really more dramatic"... David Fairchild.

Among the recent arrivals in the library:

THE TROPICS by Rue
HAWAIIAN FLOWERS AND FLOWERING TREES by Kuck and Tongg
GARDEN ISLANDS OF THE GREAT EAST by David Fairchild
LAND, the 1958 USDA Yearbook
PLANT BUYER'S GUIDE
STUDY OF PIANT COMMUNITIES by Oosting

YULE TIDE PLANS

The Social Committee has plans afloat for a fine Christmas Party. Save the afternoon of Sunday, December twenty-seventh. Details and reservation blanks will be included in your November tenth paycheck.

NEWS FLASHES

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After a most unfortunate accident, here on the grounds, we are relieved to learn that ART SCANLON has left the hospital and is now at home to his friends. Good men are hard to find so, "take care", should be the watch-word.

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Two sharp traders who have learned the value of a dollar have recently bought brand new foreign cars. TOM PARKER has bought a dependable high quality Volkswagen and GEORGE TAYLOR is riding high on a stylish Fiat Millicento.

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"Money still talks, but it is gradually loosing it's voice". ART SERAZN has a wonderful buy for someone, his beautiful Mercury convertible is up for sale. Look her over, fellows!

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JACK FAWCETT, came over for a visit. He is looking as fit as a fiddle and looks ten years young ~. He roughed it up in the mother-lode country.

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Parting word, (very appropriate).

"Most of the things that are <u>easier</u> <u>said</u> than done, are <u>said</u> by the boss".

LOS DISTINGUIDOS
by Dan Martel

TUA RES AGITUR
"It is you who are discussed here".

There was an authoritative knock on the door, and when a cordial "come in" was given a person came in, full of vim and vigor. "Hi, buddy. How's the boy? You sure are looking well these days -- must be those healthy sports of mountain climbing, tennis and bowling that bring that youthful glow to your cheeks, heh, heh!" "How's about a cup of coffee, buddy?" Always (?) a good Joe, the tall, athletic-looking young executive got up and they went to have some coffee. After a few obviously leading questions our vigorous friend said, "By the way, ol'buddy, I just received the copy of my budget request and, (with a quivering lip, rolling eyes and helpless gestures of the hands) hardly any of my request was approved. Now, I know that you only have so much money to work with BUT, you know how important MY work is and LASCA will suffer g-r-i-e-v-o-u-s-l-y, (this, with a plaintive bleat) if MY budget is not approved. Now, (here with a knowing wink and a dig of the elbows to the ribs) I know that you can finangle a few bucks from Mary Rose and Joe Acacia's budget --- and --- etc, etc!"

Under such circumstances, it is difficult to be a Good Joe, and DICK STRONG is doing an outstanding job seeing that everyone gets a fair shake and gets the material that they need with the money available.

You will see that DICK is eminently successful at his job by temperament and education. He was born in Provo, Utah and raised in Idaho and Oregon. Schooling was obtained at Pocatello, Idaho, and Salem, Oregon. Being one of those rare individuals who enjoy mathematics and being very interested in sociology, DICK went on to Pomona College, where he graduated with a B.A. in those subjects. These were just the combinations of subjects needed to qualify as an Administrative Assistant, and he entered the Personnel Trainee Program of the County Civil Service and was appointed in 1957. His outstanding qualities were recognized by

the County and he was transferred to LASCA as Senior Administrative Assistant.

Prior to entering County service DICK enjoyed (?) a sixteen-months tour of duty where he was assigned to the Adjutant General of Korea Civil Assistance Command. In his resume of experiences there was one innocent short sentence. "Visited Tokyo for one month". Those of us who have been to Japan can add - "A lifetime of enjoyment can be had in the space of one month in Shangri La". Umm, hmm!

When he can get time free from his diverse professional interests, DICK goes in for sports in a big way and enjoys bowling, volleyball and intellectual pursuits like bridge and classical record collecting.

He is a member of many organizations dealing with human relations such as: Western Governmental Research Assn, So. Calif. Public Personnel Assn., Pasadena Exchange Club, Speakers Unlimited, and still maintains college affiliations with Kappa Mu Epsilon Mathematics Fraternity and National Scholastic Athletic Fraternity.

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ALL YOU CAN EAT - NO CHARGE CHRISTMAS PARTY !!

WHAT?

Stand-up Brunch - the Menu to include:

Baked HAM
Brown BREAD
Sweet ROLLS

Deviled EGGS
Apple CIDER
CHEESE

CANDY
NUTS
Unlimited quantities of COFFEE

WHEN?

Wednesday, December 24, from 11:00 AM to 12:00 noon.

WHERE?

The Lecture Room of the Administration Building
(also the Lanai - if weather permits)

WHO?

STAFF - NO GUESTS

HOW?

Type of PARTY decided upon by POPULAR VOTE of the Arboretum STAFF.

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NEW PERSONNEL

We have acquired a petit and very charming young lady Research Assistant. She comes to us by way of U.C.L.A. and U.C. at Berkeley. She is assisting Marcella Juhren with plant tissue culture for smog damage under a grant from the U.S. Department of Health. EVELYN PINSKER was born and raised in London, England, but is not reserved in manner like many of her compatriots. She is athletic and keeps in shape bicycling at Griffith Park (any Saturday afternoon, men).

A very quiet, efficient man has been discovered doing propagation work here at the Greenhouse bench. JOHN SOBECK is a co-worker from Descanso Gardens and comes here three times a week to lend of his talents. I asked a needless question, "John, what is your hobby", he gave a beautiful smile and said - "plants". He is an avid hybridizer of Camellias.

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TRIPS

DON WOOLLEY, our acting superintendent, took a fast trip to Williamsburg, Virginia to speak before and invite the National Horticultural Congress to come to LASCA for their next national meeting. By popular acclaim, due no doubt to DON'S powers of eloquence, the Congress voted to come to LASCA in 1960. We are indeed honored that this august body of eminent horticulturists will be coming to visit us.

NORMAN NICHOLSON has just returned from a most exciting and informative trip to Mexico. He visited in Navohoa in the state of Sonora with his friend from the University of Illinois who is conducting doctorial anthropological researches into the indigenous people of the area. He pack-saddled into the hinterland to places rarely seen by tourists.

MYSTERY ????

Who are those two rotund characters seen sneaking weekly into the local gym?

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"PARDON, YOUR HULA HOOP IS SHOWING"

(From "Flight to Arras", by Antoine de Saint-Erupery)

He stopped, and his lower lip came forward while he turned it over in his mind.

(Worcester, Massachusetts Telegram)
Elmer A. Johnson, featured soloist and member of the WTAG-NBC orchestra, learned the Hawaiian guitar from native Hawaiians and, among other things, was born on a boat in the middle of the Baltic Sea, while his mother and father were vacation in Sweden.
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(From "The Rat Began to Gnaw the Rope" by C. W. Grafton)
I washed my hands and then folded each one carefully and put it in a separate envelope and stuck them in my pocket.

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A T T E N T I O N S T A F F

There will be a General Staff Meeting held in the lecture room of the Administration Building, on Friday, November 21, 1958, at 3:00 P.M.

William S. Stewart,
Director

P.S. (Editor) The adventurous team of Kucera,Hallberg, & Pugh will show slides of their recent Mexican trip.

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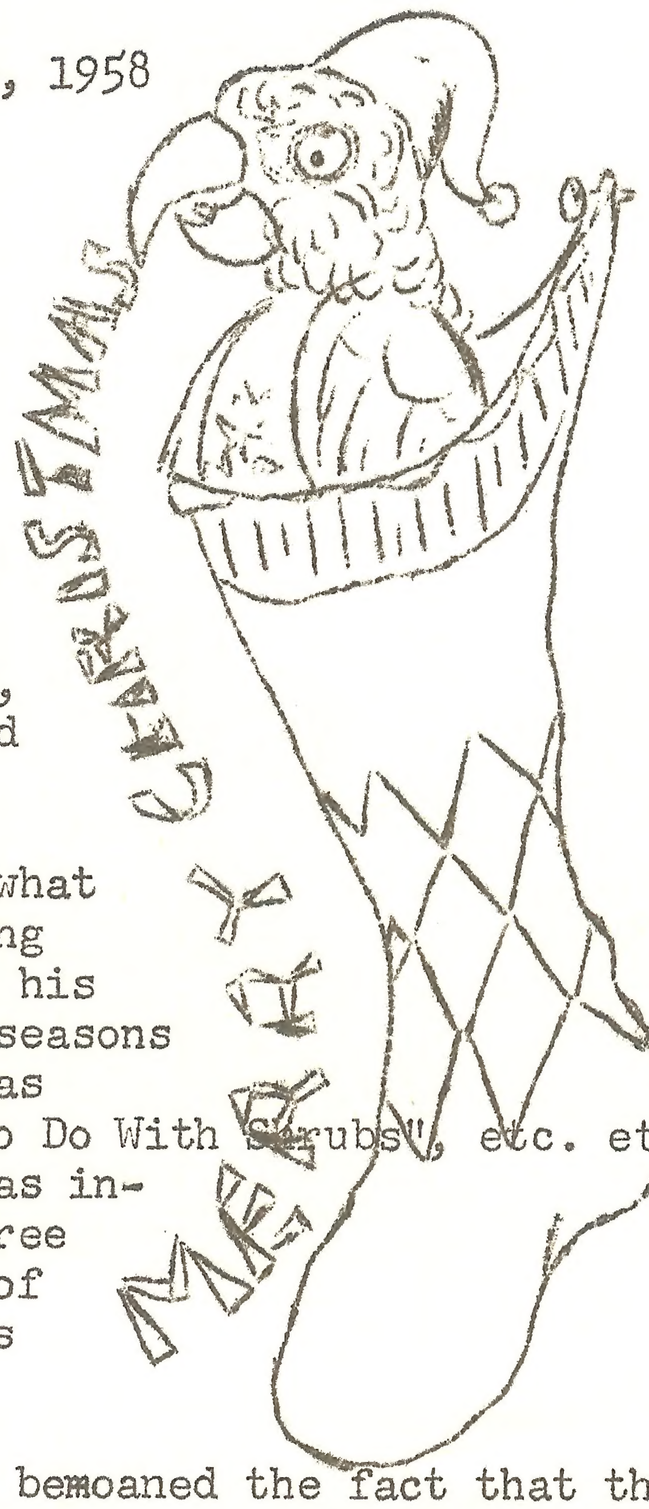

BOOKS - THE LIBRARY - YOU

To keep abreast of discoveries in the field of Horticulture, whether they be in techniques - tools or materials, one must continually dip into the pages of new books. This month two new books of special merit are available in your library.

Pruning is indeed made easy for the reader of the handbook "Pruning Made Easy" written and illustrated by Edwin F. Steffek. Mr. Steffeck, a Horticultural Editor, is the author of a previous work "Popular Gardening" and in his new book continues in the popular vein.

The authors expressed aim, in his book, is to tell you what to do and why, when you are faced with a specific pruning problem. I feel Mr. Steffek has succeeded admirably in his logical step by step pruning instruction starting with seasons for pruning and sawing on through such burley chapters as "What Happens When We Prune?," The Youngtree", "What To Do With Shrubs", etc. etc. To make his handbook additionally valuable the author has included an extremely helpful nomenclature diagram of a tree plus four inside cover pages illustrated with drawings of necessary pruning tools. Go out on a limb and read this book.

Have you ever, while using a plant identification book, bemoaned the fact that the illustrations were small, the text poorly written, the type microscopic, and the key difficult to use? The orderly treatment of "Tree Identification Book" by Symonds, repudiates the past weaknesses of so many plant identification books.

Aiming at practical identification and recognition of trees, author, George W. D. Symonds, has presented visual and identifying details of trees in Pictorial Keys (Genus Identification) and Master Pages (Species Identification). The presentation of tree parts is especially rewarding in its completeness including not only close-ups of leaves, bark, flowers, fruit and buds of each tree but also over-all tree portraits. Both parts of the book are illustrated with superb black and white photographs many of which are actual size others half actual size in scale.

The superior organization of material in this book, its large legible type, easy to use keys, exceptional photographs make it invaluable to those who wish to identify and recognize North American trees with ease and speed.

----Ed Pugh

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
NEWS

The Christmas Spirit is about to decend on us, even thru the smog, fog or sfmog regardless if we are ready or not. We regret to hear that our Plant Propagator is hospitalized at this time, but the staff joins in wishing him a speedy recovery and return (to work, that is). Every one may follow me, I'm in Orbit, since I got the new window in the reception office. It's W-O-N-D-E-R-F-U-L. Thanks a million! You'll get twice as much service from your P.B.X. Operator now! Merry Xmas to all!

It is understood that the California Native Plant Garden is progressing well, and the staff at Descanso Gardens is to be complimented on their work. The new feature will be a fine addition to the Department.

Two of our employees will soon be leaving us, and their work and association will be greatly missed. Dan Cassidy is taking a State job to landscape some of our freeways - best of luck to you, Dan. Arlean Towne, is leaving the smog-land for Northern-California, and her smiling face will be missed at the Information window.

-- Marge Wood

LOS DISTINGUIDOS
BY Dan Martel

SANTA sat pondering at his desk. He did not seem like "the right jolly old elf" that we know from "Twas the Night Before Christmas". What most people don't know is that He, too, has to sit and think about <u>just the right gift</u> for a deserving person. He heard a knock on the oaken door and he gave a weary "Come in". In walked his learned curator of books, Ernest Dawson and seeing Santa's furrowed brow, he asked, in a pleasant voice, "Ah, thinking about an extra special gift for a highly regarded person"? "Yes", answered Santa "but, the usual knick-knacks do not apply to Her." Ernest took a look at the small list on the golden paper and his face brightened, "Oh it is for CAROL HEWITSON, I know just the thing, a rare book." Putting a pudgy finger on the line, he adjusted his pince-nez and read: Graduated from UCLA with a major in history and a minor in English; taught school in Kentucky, "hmm"; accompanied her husband to the University of California and both studied library science, "hmmmm"; first fell in love with the medieval illuminated manuscripts and rare books, "Well, WELL"; studied with -- (here he gave a cherubic smile and swung his swivel chair around so hard that he almost tumbled off) -- "WELL, W-E-L-L, you, Ernie!" Putting his finger to his cherry-red nose, Santa said, "You are absolutely right, since her father and mother build their own home in Alhambra twenty years ago and have a big chimney, I ought to be able to (here, shaking his belly, like a bowl-full of jelly) scrambled down and place a first edition of Chaucer's Canterbury Tales under her, Pseudo, P-P-P- Pseudotsuga macro-car-pa, whew, where do these botanists get these names, Christmas Tree. I really must speak with Linnaeus".

Carol and her husband Ted lead a singularly interesting life through the medium of books for, as Henry Seidel Canby says, "Every book worth putting on the shelves of a library is either a value in itself or about values - value in this instance meaning a quality of living". This quotation is most appropriate because Ted is librarian in charge of book selection for Los Angeles County and is such a position and with suchaa background in training and love of books he is able to select the best that are available. "Books should be few and well chosen. Like friends, too, we should return to them again and again- for like true friends they will never fail us". Colton.

Besides her education in library science, Carol has an interesting back-ground as a practicing librarian having been, for four years, in charge of the book section of Lieberg's Dept. Store in Alhambra which is a concession of the famous Pasadena book store, Vromans; three years as librarian at the County Art Institute and to our great gain, now at the Arboretum. Her son Charles, a Navy Veteran, is with the U.S. Forest Service.

As you can guess, their all consuming hobby is books. Carol extends a cordial invitation to the staff to come into the library and make use of its facilities, for, "He who has no inclination to learn more will be very apt to think that he knows enough." Powell.

The Staff of the Arboretum and their families are Cordially Invited to Participate in the "THIRD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS POSADA AND OPEN HOUSE", Sunday, December 14, 1958, 5:30 - 6:30 P.M. , 301 North Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia, California.

Jeep trains will leave from the gatehouse at 5:30 P.M. to take you to the Carriage House for a continuous Puppet Show. You will then walk to the "Queen Anne Cottage" to watch a group of children sponsored by the Historical Committee present their yearly dramatization of "Las Posadas". It will be held out-of-doors in the Historical Section of the Arboretum , so bundle up in your warmest robes. You will be returned to the gatehouse by jeep train at the end of the program.

Hasta Luego y Feliz Navidad!

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